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April 2024 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday April 9, 2024, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM. There is a VE session before the meeting and the doors will open around 6:45 PM.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the April edition of the ARC-OVER. We had a great time in Mesa watching some spring training baseball, however it is nice to be home. Please read through this month's newsletter. There are a lot of things going on.

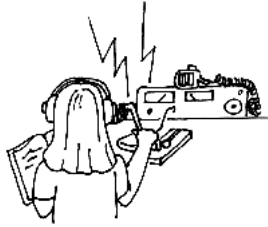
Wally Ratzlaff W6FEJ recently passed away. He was a member of TARC and will be remembered by some of our senior members. We have Wally's family and friends in our thoughts. His obituary is in this newsletter.

You will find thank you letters from Grady's K6IXA (SK) family members and the Salvation Army regarding the auction. The 2nd annual StanJoaquin Amateur Radio Picnic and Swapmeet to be held on Saturday April 27, 2024. Last year's event was very successful, and they had a lot of amateur gear for sale or trade at the swapmeet. A flyer is attached. There is an article about the RV Radio Network HamCon Zion 2024 to be held in July. You may find this interesting. Take a look at the upcoming events page for some club activities this summer.

If you have not already done so, please consider renewing your club membership. Dues pay for the club activities and most importantly paying the rent and maintenance of the club repeater system. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net to let him know.

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PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

The sun is shining after a stormy Easter night. Always be careful handling antenna wires during thunderstorms! With nicer weather coming we will be able to have some pleasant times doing Parks on the Air. It's a good way to generate interest in HAM radio by having it outside where others can see the equipment. Be thinking too about field day as we still need someone to head it up. See you on the second Tuesday in April for our general meeting!



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays

on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at info@w6bxn.org.

General Meeting Minutes

Turlock Amateur Radio Club

03/12/2024, 7:00p

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 23 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and seconded by Eric McMillan (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$6,219.10 and CD \$5,033.60. Paid \$80.57 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. Deposits collected: \$75 for dues payment, with 51 dues paid members.

Repeater Chairman's Report

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART)

- Website updates discussed - upgrade to website security certificate (ie, https:// instead of http://) to enhance security of any data that passes over the website through the website.
- The e-mail address info@W6BXN.org has been established to be the club's public-facing means of contact.

Membership Chairman's Report

No report

ArcOver Publisher's Report

Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), not present

Vice President's Report

Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), not present

Merced ARES Report

Richard Larson (W6ABJ), not present

VEC Report

No report

Old Business

- Progress is being made to accept electronic payments via the website for dues. Projected date of implementation is Summer, 2024.

New Business

- Informational discussion regarding club officers being unavailable for the Tuesday evening net the first Tuesday of each month due to scheduling conflict with the club's Board Meeting.
- Discussion regarding proposed event - summer barbecue.
- Discussion regarding Field Day and whether the club wants to run a Field Day event.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm. Motion by Ed Darrah (K7ERD), second by Eric McMillan (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Eric McMillan (K7RKU), Secretary





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March 18, 2024

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2024 Salvation Army Community Center

FY24 Events - B

Donation Receipt of: \$200 on 2/13/2024

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Thank you for your generous gift to the Salvation Army of Turlock Community Center. During this time of great need your Gift will continue to improve families lives in need throughout Turlock. From food for families and the homeless, to Adult Programs for Seniors. From providing under-served youth with after-school activities, to overall social services.

The Salvation Army's history of public service dates to 1865 and has since evolved into a social service provider of unmatched scope and breadth as you may have seen us on the television stations asking for help in delivering assistance to those in need without discrimination for over the last 158 years. The Turlock Corps has been helping to change lives since 1998.

At The Salvation Army, we're committed to Doing the Most Good, and we know you are, too. May we ask for blessing in your support and your kindness today will continue to support the Turlock Community Center tomorrow.

We appreciate your willingness to help The Salvation Army in this way.

In Christ,

Jeffrey Breazeale, Captain

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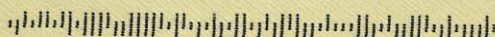
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Dear Turlock Amateur Radio Club, my family
 and I would like to express our sincere thanks
 and gratitude for the tremendous help you have
 all been since my father's, Brady L. Williams,
 passing. Not only the auction and proceeds,
 but for everyone that got talked into a box
 of stuff or called on the phone, radio, or in
 person. He was a friend to most, but all
 he met along the way were his friends indeed.
 All our love to you from our Lord and Savior
 Jesus Christ.
 Kevin D Williams
 and Family

~ Wally Ratzlaff W6FEJ (10/20/36 – 2/12/24 – Eternity) ~



Wallace (Wally) Lee Ratzlaff was born at home on October 20, 1936 in Winton California. He was the youngest of three children (Evelyn, Leland & Wallace) born to Ben and Ethel Ratzlaff.

His years growing up were rich with the closeness of family and many beloved cousins that doubled as best friends! He grew up working hard with his family in the peach orchards and on the ranch. And from a very early age, Wally pursued a God-given love of electronics and communications, building mail-order radio kits and components. Wally used to say he was “born with electrons in his blood”!

Although Wally experienced the tragic loss of his father and then older sister at a young age, he always had the God-given gift of optimism and a grateful heart!

Wally graduated from Livingston High School; took courses in electronics at Modesto Junior College; received his FCC certification in communications; and served in the USAF Reserves/California Air National Guard specializing in radio communications.

Starting in his teen years, Wally pursued his love of wireless communications through the hobby of amateur radio, raising in license status to General Class with an FCC call sign of W6FEJ. He continued his love of Amateur Radio ('Ham Radio') throughout his life, including building and providing/maintaining infrastructure equipment for his local club, who comprised many of his closest friends in the valley and up in the hills.

In 1968 Wally married the love of his life, Carolyn Louise Smith, in Atwater, CA. They both had been given grace to wait for God's choice...and the Lord blessed them ABUNDANTLY in a marriage of more than 55 years! In 1968 they built a home on Wally's family ranch and moved in as newlyweds. Carolyn worked as a cosmetologist and Wally worked as a two-way radio communications technician for Mobile Communications in Merced. Wally also drove A.M. school bus routes (which he began at age 18) for Livingston High School District, and then later Atwater High School District; and in his 'spare time' he continued to repair televisions and install towers and antennas (as he had done for many years) for relatives, friends, neighbors, etc.

In 1970 Wally and Carolyn welcomed their firstborn daughter, Kelly Lee. Kelly shares in the same clever and funny 'wit' that Wally is known for. In 1972 Wally and Carolyn welcomed their second daughter, Heidi Lee. She, like her father, has a cheery nature and loves to talk! Heidi and Wally shared in the business of communications, which in later years led to the Lord's gift to Wally of Deputy Sheriff Jeff Perlewitz (N6FEJ) as his son-in-law.

Wally and Carolyn always partnered together, working hard to love and serve others. In 1979, this spirit of partnership led them to move the family to the Sierra foothills ("God's country" as Wally called it) to start their business Columbia

Communications & Avionics, which later evolved to Columbia Communications, Inc. They have worked with many treasured and beloved partners & staff members along the ongoing journey. Wally and Carolyn worked VERY hard together through both tough and abundant times, to grow both a family and a business successfully!

Since 1979, Wally has been a pioneering force in engineering and providing wireless communications serving the Sierra Foothills communities, including public safety, education and private industry! Through long hours and unwavering commitment, Wally rode in helicopters, hiked miles through snow, and even rode mules – anything needed so that those serving and protecting others could communicate! Wally and Carolyn are so proud of the present staff of Columbia Communications, Inc. who continue to serve the Foothill communities with that same standard and representation.

Wally was also active for many years serving through the Sonora Lyons Club, where he & Carolyn made many more cherished friends. Wally lived this life as a GENEROUS man of FAITH, joyful and funny (and sometimes onery).

Wally is WEALTHY in God's gifts of family, as well as all those treasured friends who are family to him. Wally's 'FATHER'S HEART' covered, protected, provided for, and loved many, far beyond his two daughters and son-in-law! Wally is a man whose true citizenship has always been in the Kingdom of God, and as of February 12th, 2024, Heaven is where he now resides!

You are warmly invited to celebrate the life and Homegoing of Wally:

Friday, April 12th

1:00 p.m. (*See below)

***1:30 p.m. (Celebration of Life service) Sierra Bible Church 15171 Tuolumne Rd.
Sonora, CA***

****You are also invited to come early at 1:00 p.m and join the family, joyfully
worshiping the Lord in music and song.***

*****Because Wally loved life, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Foothill
Pregnancy Center at www.fpcsonora.com***

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Going Events

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2024.

February 13, 2024, April 9, 2024, June 11, 2024, August 13, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

April

Tuesday 9th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. The presentation will be on battery boxes by Eric K7RKU.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

Saturday April 27th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm 2nd Annual StanJoaquin Amateur Radio Picnic and Swapmeet at Northgate Park 1750 Hoyt Lane Manteca, CA.

May

Tuesday 14th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation on Go Boxes. Bring in your Go Box for show and tell.

June

Tuesday 11th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. We will have Root Beer floats during the break. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. There will be presentation on Field Day

Wednesday 19th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

Saturday/Sunday 22nd – 23rd Field Day.

July

Tuesday 9th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. In addition to the club meeting there will be a potluck dinner.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

August

Tuesday 13th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a presentation on packet by Spencer KJ6ART.

Wednesday 21st Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.





2nd Annual



StanJoaquin Amateur Radio Picnic and Swapmeet

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024

**Northgate Park- 1750 Hoyt Lane
Manteca, Ca.**

Time: 9am to 2pm

FREE ADMISSION

Lunch \$5.00 / Swap Meet Table \$15.00(includes lunch)

Advance reservations required to reserve swapmeet table

Contact: Joyce (209)400-5421

Questions/Info contact: Zack (209)613-9640



Hello to all from the RV Radio Network,

We are a 40+ year old Ham club of RV'ers heading to the Rocky Mountain Division Convention this July in St. George, UT for the HamCon:Zion 2024 amateur radio exposition and convention being held July 12-13, 2024.

We know that all or most of your club members are HAMS, with many also RV'ers. We want you to know about some of the events surrounding the hamfest.

The RV Radio Network (RVRN) will be hosting our Western Rally in conjunction with HamCon: Zion 2024 event. We want to invite your club members to participate with us.

Here are the web links to information about us and the event:

- The RVRN's Information page about Rallies/Events: <http://rvrn.net> . Detailed information about our Western Rally is with the link.
- The HamCon: Zion 2024 event's website: <https://hamconzion.com>.
- The RVRN's website: <https://rvradionetwork.com>.

Please use this information to inform your club about these activities through club email, newsletters, or announcements to the club. We appreciate your support. You do not have to be a member of our club to attend the hamfest or attend the rally. You would only have to be an RVRN member in order to be eligible to win our club prizes. The Grand Prize is a \$500 Gift certificate from DX Engineering.

For future reference, we are always looking for events out west, to possibly host an RVRN rally in association with an event. Please contact us if you have anything that we should consider.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions. You may also contact our Western Rally host for this event: JJ Lambert, WR5E jj@wr5e.net

73 & Safe Travels

Calvin Means KC1M

RV Radio Network Immediate Past President & Membership Manager

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TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

2024 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://w6bxn.org) and subscribe.

2024 Club Officers

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